



**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
Washington, DC 20423

*Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration*

November 14, 2003

Ms. Sandra L. Brown  
Troutman Sanders LLP  
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Washington, DC 20004-2134

Re: STB Finance Docket 34435, Ameren ERC, Inc. - Construction and Operation  
Exemption - In Montgomery County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is approving, under 49 CFR 1105.10(d), Dawkins Environmental Consultants (Dawkins) as the independent third-party consultant for the above-cited proceeding. Dawkins will assist the Board in preparing the appropriate environmental document in connection with Ameren ERC's (Ameren or applicant) prospective exemption petition to construct and operate a rail line in Montgomery County, Illinois.

We have attached a disclosure statement that you should forward to Dawkins to complete and return to us. As we previously discussed, SEA will direct, supervise, review, and approve all environmental documents prepared by the independent third-party consultant in this proceeding. Additionally, we must execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines the responsibilities of the applicant, the consultant and SEA. The MOU would be signed by the applicant, forwarded to Dawkins for signature, and returned to SEA. The purpose of the MOU is to establish an understanding between the applicant, the consultant and SEA regarding the conditions and procedures each party must follow in preparing all environmental documentation. Dave Navecky of my staff can provide you the latest template of the MOU.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Dave Navecky at 202-565-1593.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson  
Chief  
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure (1)

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## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

On behalf of Dawkins Environmental Consultants, I certify that I have no financial or other interests in the outcome of the prospective petition in STB Finance Docket 34435, Ameren ERC, Inc. - Construction and Operation Exemption - In Montgomery County, Illinois

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Dawkins  
Principal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_